

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

for Case Ascertainment, Investigation, and WVEDSS / WVEDSS-NBS Data Entry

Demographic Information

- ◆ Name
- ◆ Age
- ◆ Gender
- ◆ Race
- ◆ Ethnicity
- ◆ Complete address

Clinical Information (information related to the disease)

- ◆ Onset date of illness – based on disease signs and symptoms
- ◆ Diagnosis date
- ◆ Date the illness ended and duration of illness
- ◆ Signs and symptoms
- ◆ Type of infection
- ◆ Underlying cause - if known

Laboratory Information*

- ◆ Specimen collection date
- ◆ Source of specimen – blood, CSF
- ◆ Type of test – includes:
 - Culture - bacterial, viral, etc.
 - PCR, RIBA, PRNT
 - Antibiotic susceptibility test (AST)
 - Serology – IgM, IgG, antibody and antigen testing
 - Serogroup/serotype
- ◆ Result of Test – positive, negative, indeterminate
- ◆ Susceptibility testing if done

*For Pertussis, do not forget to answer the question “Was lab testing done” in WVEDSS form

Public Health Action

- ◆ Complete vaccination history
- ◆ Postexposure prophylaxis
- ◆ Contact tracing – help establish epi-link
- ◆ Activity/travel history
- ◆ Food history
- ◆ Part of an outbreak?
- ◆ Make sure an isolate is sent to the state lab